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The current period of peace for Planet Mobius is coming to an end. An armada of battleships recently appeared over South Island, dropping thousands of robots powered by living animals.

From the lush flora of Green Hill to the fiery dungeon known as the Marble Zone, these robots single-mindedly scour the land, leaving no stone unturned.

Now, their attention has turned to the Labyrinth Zone, a maze-like cave network that is almost entirely underwater. What could this mindless army be searching for so vigorously?

The only one who knows is their leader, who now sits and watches as our heroes walk into yet another deadly trap...

CAST:

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
AQUAPHOBIC

TEMPEST THE DOLPHIN
AQUAHOLIC

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Off the Deep End

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WHATSA MATTER, CHILI-BOY?
YOU'LL JUMP ACROSS HOT MAGMA WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE, BUT WATER'S WHERE YOU DRAW THE LINE?
YES!
BECAUSE I CAN'T--ER, WELL...
SONIC, DON'T TELL ME...YOU CAN'T SWIM?
...SO WHAT IF I CAN'T?
*SL #1
HEEHEE, SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SO SCARED OF WATER DURING OUR RACE.*
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOME FEARLESS DAREDEVIL.
IT'S NOT FUNNY!
** SEE LAST ISSUE
AWW, COOL DOWN, MR. POUTY-PANTS.
YOU SAVED ME FROM THE LAVA BEFORE**, SO I'M GONNA MAKE IT UP TO YOU AND HELP YOU OVERCOME YOUR FEAR!
EH?
TIME FOR SOME SWIMMING LESSONS!
LET'S MAKE SOME WAVES!
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!

OOH, A WATERSLIDE!
THIS SHOULD BE FUN!
GERONIMO!
NOOOAUGH!

WHEE! THIS IS BETTER THAN A WATERPARK!
ISN'T THIS GREAT?!
BAD LESSON! BAD LESSON!

HUH?

SORRY, TEMP. I'M GETTING OFF THIS CRAZY TRAIN.
SONIC?!

W-WHOA!

HANG ON TIGHT!

AWW, WHY'D YOU DO THAT? I WAS HAVING FUN!
WELL, I WASN'T!
AND THAT SLIDE WAS A TRAP! YOU ALMOST GOT US KILLED!

OH, GIMME A BREAK.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT SLIDE WAS A--

H-HA...HA... GUESS THAT WASN'T MY BRIGHTEST MOMENT.
THANKS FOR THE SAVE, SONIC.

HEY, THIS THING'S ACTING UP AGAIN.
LOOKS LIKE THAT TRAP WAS MEANT TO KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM WHATEVER'S IN HERE.
SONIC, LOOK!
OVER THERE!
WELL... THAT BODES POORLY.
MAYBE THOSE TRAPS WEREN'T MEANT TO KEEP US OUT...
MAYBE THEY WERE MEANT TO KEEP SOMETHING ELSE IN.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT WORKED, THOUGH. WHATEVER WAS ON TOP OF THAT ALTAR IS ALREADY GONE.
DON'T TELL ME THE ROBOTS BEAT US TO IT?
HOLD ON, THERE MIGHT BE EVEN MORE--
CLICK
AHHHH!!!

HEH...GUESS WE'RE EVEN ON SETTING OFF TRAPS.
DULY *HACK* NOTED.

WOW, WE SURE FELL FAR...

IT'S LIKE WHOEVER BUILT THIS PLACE DIDN'T PLAN THIS FAR DOWN. I HOPE WE CAN FIND A WAY OUT.

I'M NOT LETTING IT END LIKE THIS.

THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY OUTTA HERE, MAYBE THIS STUPID THING CAN POINT US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

...PLEASE BE WATERPROOF...

"NO SIGNAL"? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

IT'S NO USE, SONIC.

I DOUBT THAT RADAR CAN GET A SIGNAL THIS DEEP UNDERGROUND.

NO SIGNAL

GREAT...

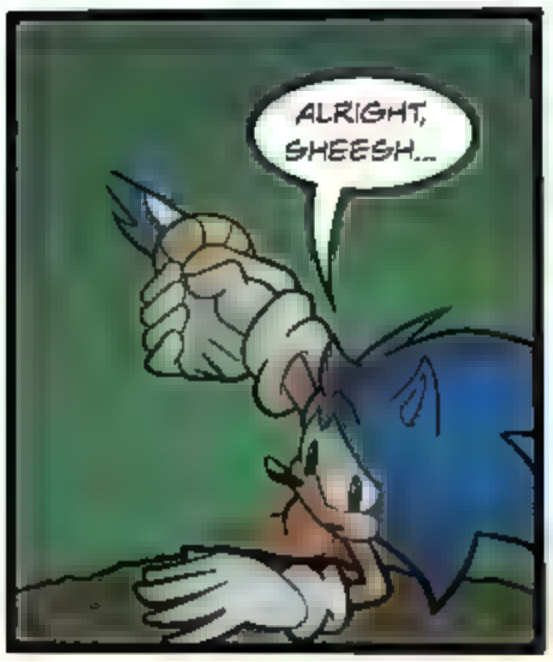
SO WHAT NOW?

HOLD ON... THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TRY.

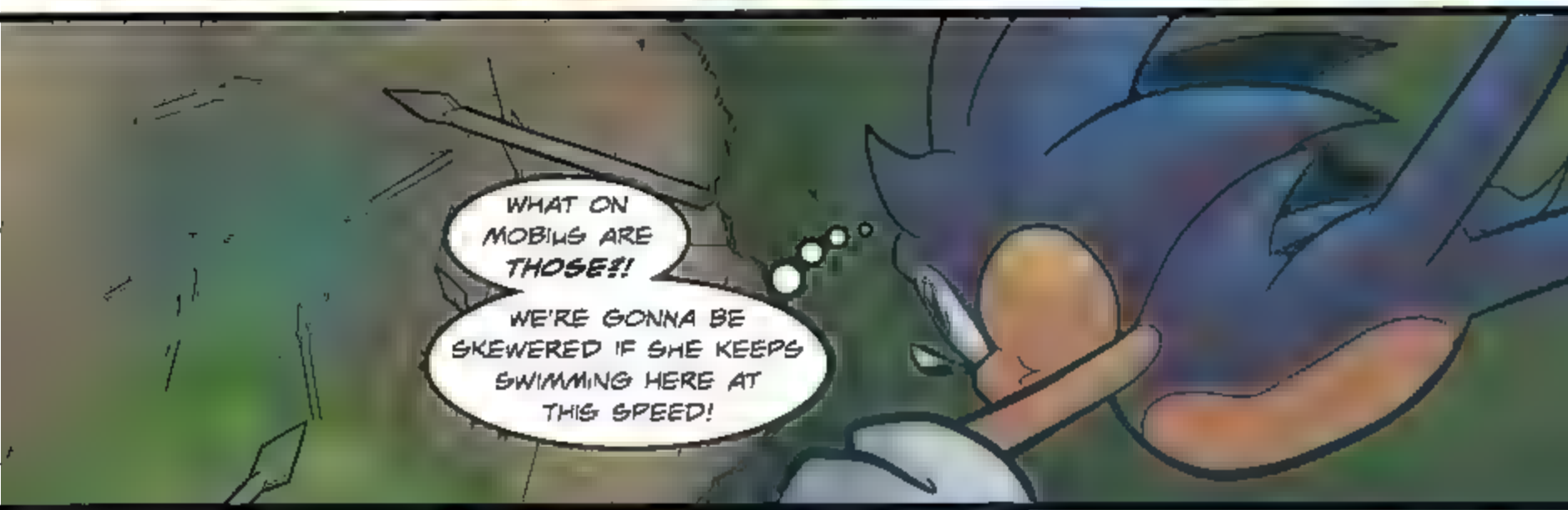
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

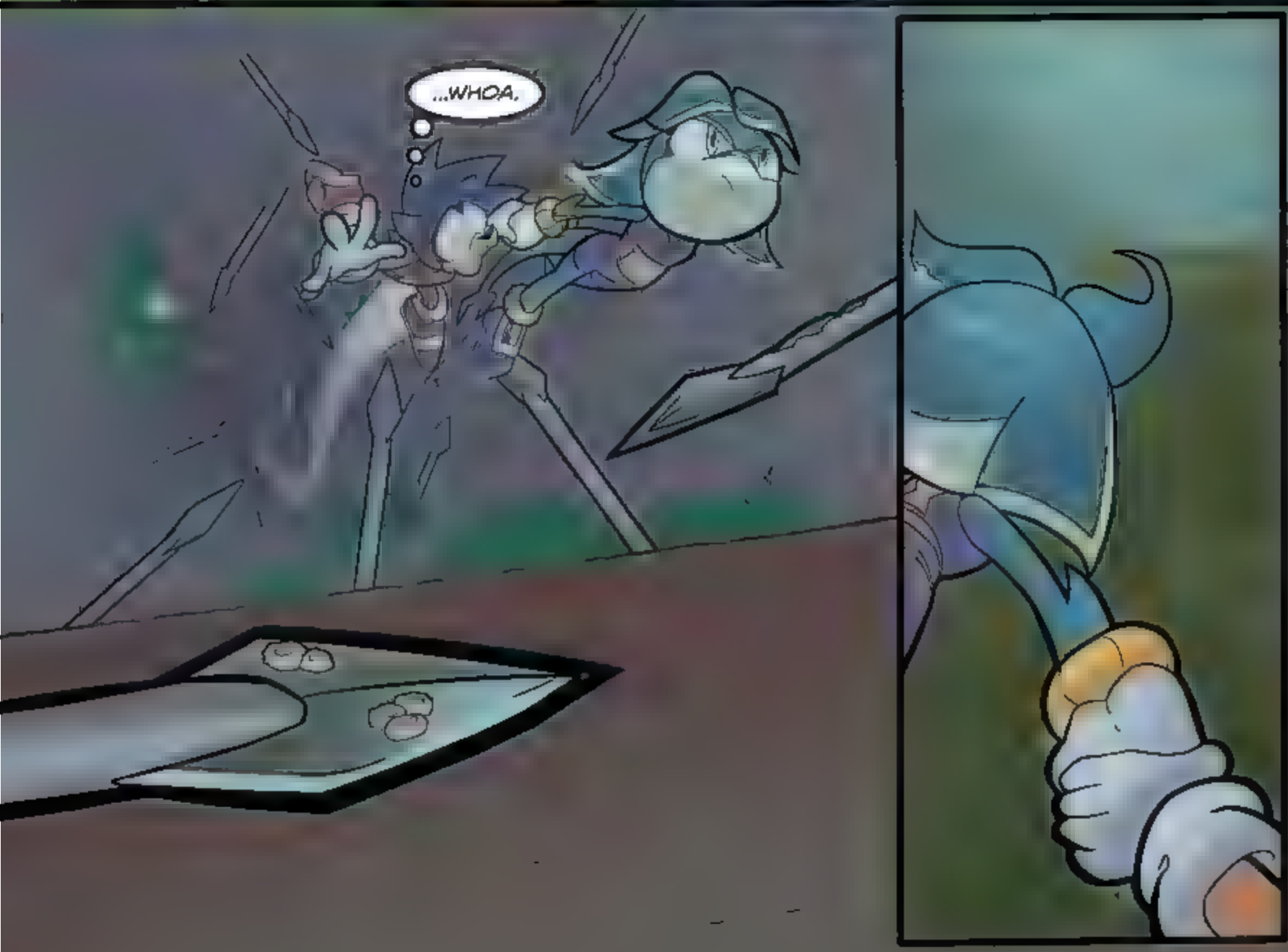
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME HANGING LIKE THIS!

COME ON, TEMP, EVEN I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR JOKES!
COME BACK HERE!
WILL YOU BE QUIET?!
I'M TRYING TO CONCENTRATE!
YIKES! WHERE'D YOU GO?!
I WASN'T ABANDONING YOU, DUMMY!
I WAS USING MY ECHOLOCATION TO TRY AND FIND A WAY OUT!
ECHOLA- WHAT NOW?
DON'T YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DOLPHINS?!
BY SENDING OUT SOUND WAVES UNDERWATER, I CAN REFLECT THEM OFF OBJECTS AND SEE WHAT'S UP AHEAD!
...YEAH, SURE.
THAT MAKES TOTAL SENSE.
SIGH FORGET IT.
THE POINT IS, I FOUND THE EXIT. SO TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND LET'S GO!
"GO"?
YOU MEAN, UNDERWATER?
HURRY AND GRAB ON, OR I REALLY WILL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!


ALRIGHT, SHEESH...

OKAY, I GUESS THIS ISN'T SO BAD..
GOTTA HAND IT TO TEMP, SHE'S ALMOST AS FAST IN WATER AS I AM ON LAND.
MAYBE THOSE SWIMMING LESSONS AREN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA AFTER--


WHAT ON MOBIUS ARE THOSE?!
WE'RE GONNA BE SKEWERED IF SHE KEEPS SWIMMING HERE AT THIS SPEED!


...WHOA.

OH, SWEET, GLORIOUS LAND! I'VE MISSED YOU SO!
I PROMISE I'LL NEVER LEAVE YOU AGAIN!
YOU'RE WELCOME, LANDLUBBER.
ALSO, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM.
OH COME ON, NOW WHAT?
I TOOK US AS FAR AS MY ECHOLOCATION COULD SEE, BUT UP AHEAD...IT'S LIKE A MAZE.
THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT BRANCHING PATHS THAT I CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF THEM ALL.
I DON'T THINK EVEN I COULD STAY UNDERWATER LONG ENOUGH TO FIGURE IT OUT WITHOUT DROWNING.
SIGH SO THIS REALLY IS IT...
GUESS WE BETTER MAKE OURSELVES COMFY HERE.
WE CAN'T GIVE UP YET!
THERE HAS TO BE SOME SORT OF TRICK THAT WE'RE NOT SEEING.
SOMETHING, ANYTHING...
SORRY, TEMP, BUT AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT WATER, WATER AND MORE...
...LIGHT?

WHAT IS THAT THING?
...WHAT THING?
I'M NOT JOKING!
SEE, I'M HOLDING IT RIGHT NOW!
THAT!
THAT GREEN GLOWING WHATEVER-BALL!
SONIC, DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GONE STIR-CRAZY ALREADY.
THERE'S NOTHING THERE.
IF YOU'RE DONE, HOW ABOUT HELPING ME FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE?
IT...WANTED ME TO GO THAT WAY...
THIS WAY, O GREEN-EYED HERALD...
HUH...?

RUMBLE
THAT SOUND NEVER LEADS TO ANYTHING GOOD...
I HOPE YOUR HALLUCINATION IS RIGHT, OR WE'RE SUNK!
LET'S GO!
BOOM
NEVER.
ANYTHING.
GOOD!!

CLAMP
DON'T LET GO, SONIC!
WHATEVER HAPPENS, DON'T LET GO!
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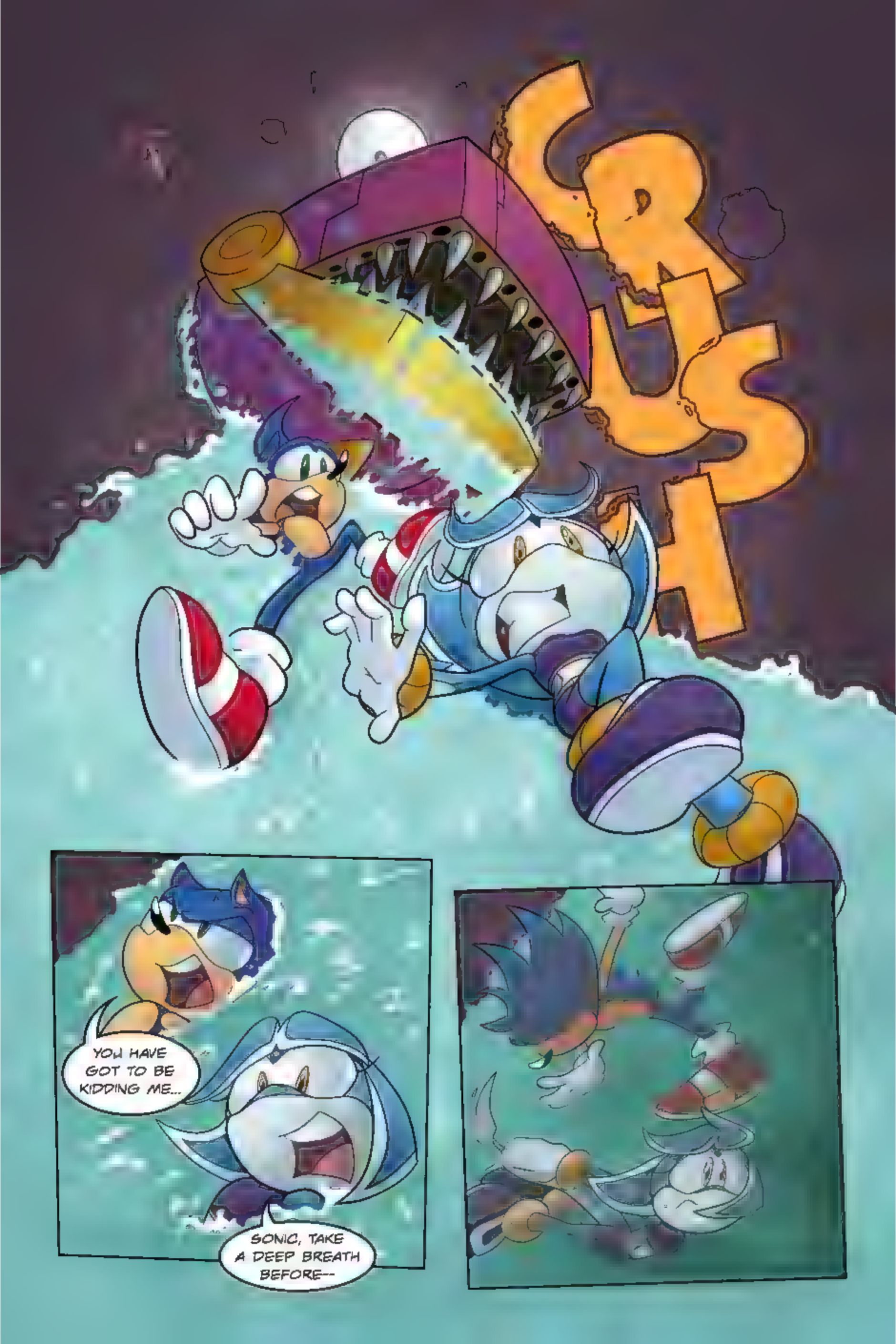
OKAY, LET GO!!


YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME...
SONIC, TAKE A DEEP BREATH BEFORE--

DANG IT...

I COULD PROBABLY FIND A WAY OUT IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT ROBOT CHASING US...

BAM

THAT'S IT!

NOW HOW AM I GONNA RELAY THIS TO...

SONIC! I TOLD YOU TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH EARLIER...

THIS IS REALLY BAD...

WE'RE BACK IN A TUNNEL AGAIN, WITH NO AIR POCKETS ANYWHERE!

THERE'S NO WAY HE'S GOING TO LAST AS LONG AS I CAN, UNLESS...

PLEASE DON'T READ INTO THIS!

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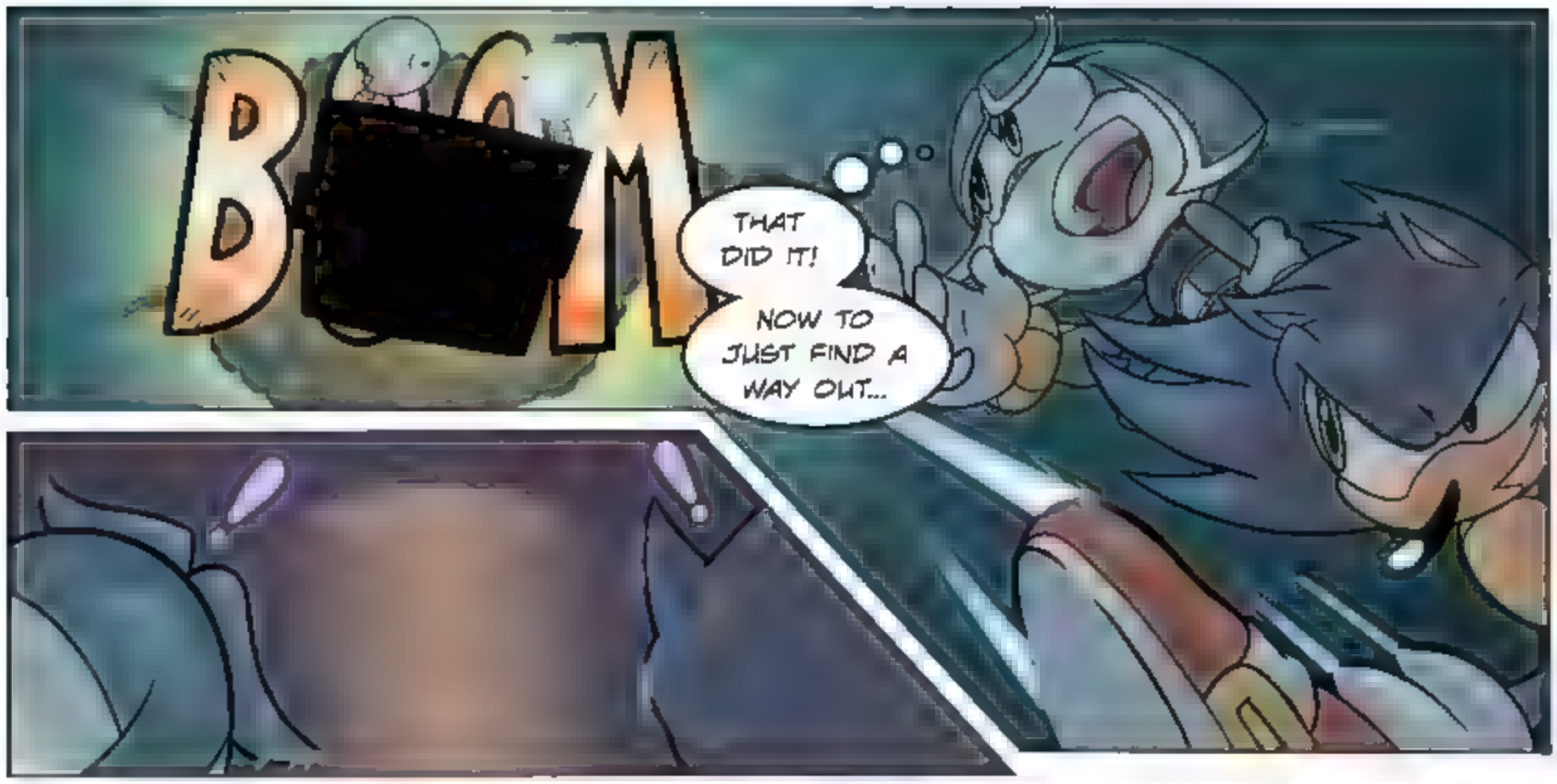
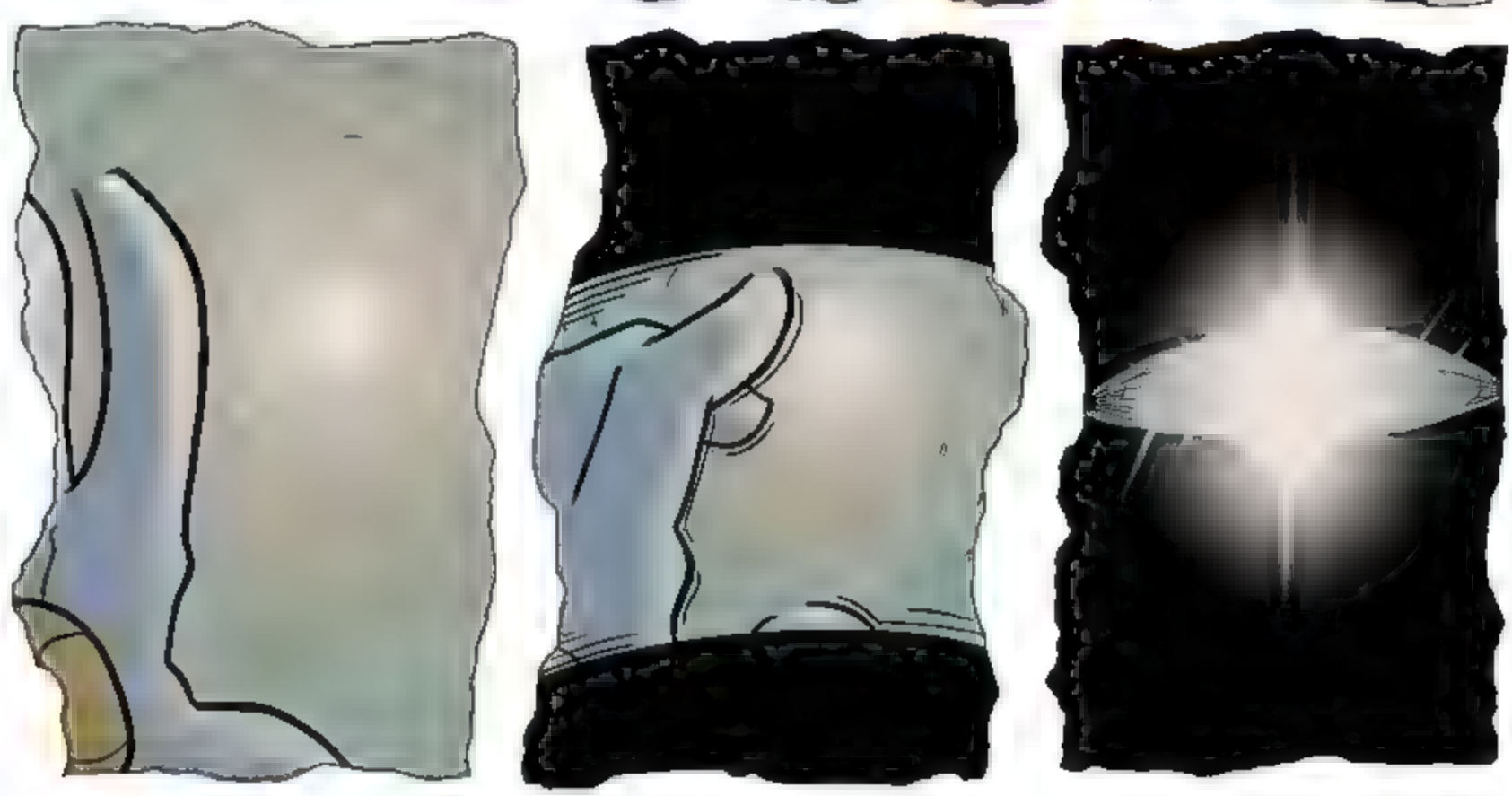
FIIIILLLL
GO!!


BOOM
THAT DID IT!
NOW TO JUST FIND A WAY OUT...

BLACKING OUT...
I MUST'VE GIVEN SONIC TOO MUCH AIR...
JUST A... LITTLE LONGER...



TEMPEST, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
STAY WITH ME!
TEMPEST!

SHE RISKED HER LIFE TO SAVE ME FROM DROWNING...
I CAN'T LET HER TAKE THE FALL IN MY PLACE!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO DO THIS, BUT I...
I'VE GOT TO TRY...

YOU *KOFF* REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DOLPHINS, DO YOU...?
I KNOW THAT THEY LIKE TO TEST MY PATIENCE...
...GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, THO'.

LIKEWISE.
SO, WHERE ARE WE? WHAT ABOUT THAT ROBOT FISH THING?
OH, YOU MEAN "TINY" BACK THERE?
I DON'T THINK HE'LL BE TERRORIZING BEACHGOERS ANYTIME SOON.
AS FOR WHERE...

...I'D SAY WE'RE AT THIS GUY'S DOORSTEP NOW.

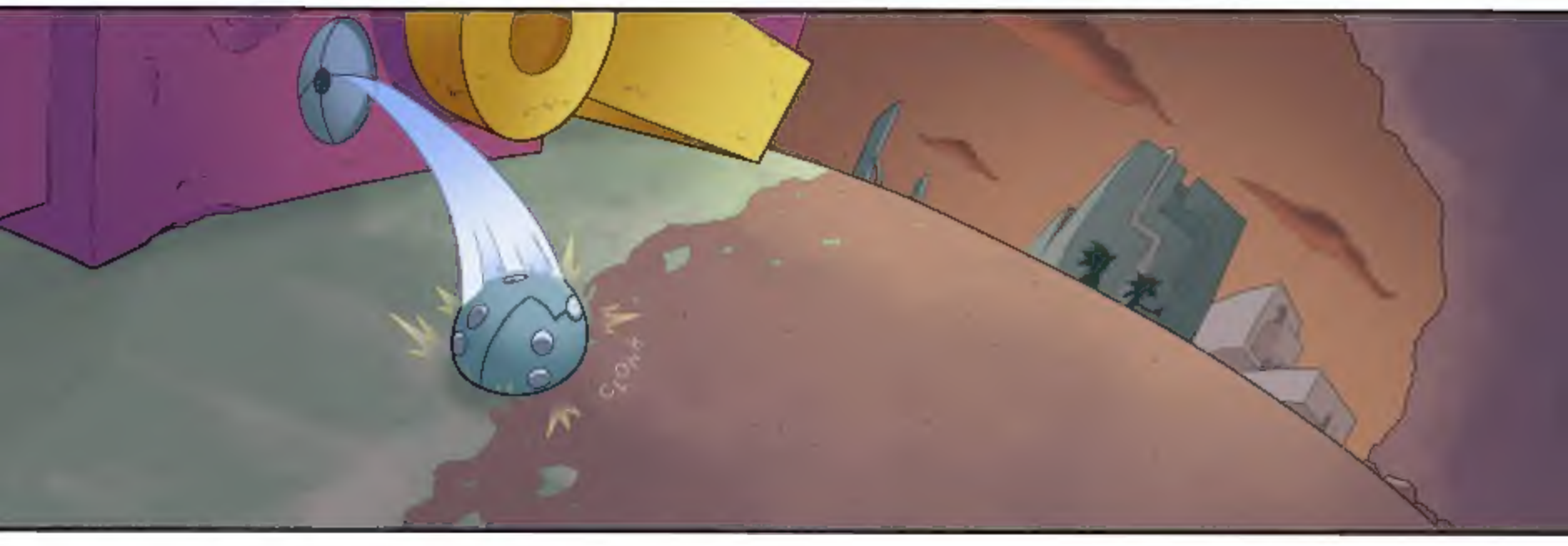
HOPE HE'S FEELING HOSPITABLE FOR VISITORS!

HE BETTER BE, BECAUSE WE'RE COMING A-KNOCKIN'!

WHOA THERE, YOU JUST WOKE UP FROM DROWNING!

SURE YOU DON'T NEED A MINUTE TO CATCH YOUR BREATH?

I CAN BREATHE ON THE WAY!



AND YET THEY STILL LIVE.
I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD BE FURIOUS OR IMPRESSED THEY MADE IT THIS FAR...

I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I'VE BECOME QUITE CURIOUS ABOUT THE RODENT AND HIS COMPANION.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO PREPARE QUITE THE WELCOME FOR THEM...

THE DOOR IS OPEN, YOU MEDDLESOME MOBIANS!
YOU'VE FOUGHT WELL, BUT NOTHING CAN CONQUER MY MARVELOUS SCRAP BRAIN!
YOU WILL RUE THE DAY YOU GARNERED THE ATTENTION OF THE RENOWNED GENIUS, DR. EGGMAN!!!
THE MASTERMIND OF THE SOUTH ISLAND INVASION, REVEALED AT LAST! WHAT SORT OF DASTARDLY DEEDS DOES HE HAVE IN STORE FOR OUR HEROES? THE JOURNEY TO THE FINAL SHOWDOWN TAKES ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO ITS DESTINATION IN THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE OF SONIC LEGACY!

From the Team

"Glad to see another issue finished! By the by, blame Sea."
- CelestOrion

"This issue of Sonic Legacy is worthy of my grace."
- SonicWindAttack

"Seems like a year ago that we started this, and look where we are now! Joking aside, thanks to everyone who has stuck around and supported this project so far. I don't consider myself a Shakespeare, but at the very least, I hope you had fun reading this issue. Til next time!" - Sea-Salt

"I've had the absolute pleasure of working on various Sonic comics over the last 10 years, but Legacy has introduced me to something new. The quality of writing, art and the overall dedication to the project has to be applauded. There's been delays getting this issue out, but I believe I speak for everyone when I say that we all hope it's been worth it!"
- Pete Murphy

"I hope you enjoyed reading this issue just as much as I enjoyed inking this issue! (..why did you do this to me, Tim...)"
- Cloverleaf Palette

"I wish I could've been able to finish inking the whole issue like how Tim managed to power through penciling it and Pete with coloring, but I deeply thank Cloverleaf and SweetShadow for picking up my slack when I had to drop out of the project. Still had a hell of a ride as this was (technically) the first comic I've really contributed to in a major way. And while I may have left the project, I hope you guys can stick around for the insanity that is Sonic Legacy!" - JaSketch

"If ya ever feel unmotivated to do something. Talk to your friends. Maybe they will help you! But dont forget to knife Tim again. Thanks for reading."
- SweetShadow

"Pleasure to work with everyone involved in the issue. Legacy is a great team, and a great project. And Sweet, please! Stop knifing me! DX"
- Tim 'J'

Had loads of fun powering through the letters for this issue (and somehow avoiding the knifing while I was at it), hope you enjoyed the release!
- SpeedySpikes

We are a team of misfits and normies. We were brought together by a psycho and somewhere down the line, we found a balance. Our dedication to each other makes us team Legacy, and the sleepless nights we have spent pay dividends to not our tolerance of each other, but our mutual love for kindness, for better, and most of all for Sonic comics.

Our comics are not quality because we're professionals. They stand above total collapse because we honor and trust each other. This third comic is a testament to our trust and decency, and we know decency, honesty, and good old fashion family will keep these comics strong.

Thank you for reading, and we hope you are entertained by our stories.

- Sonic Legacy

Unfortunately, due to lack of time outside of the main issues for pencil work to be done, there is no Off-Panel for this issue.